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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Paul McMurtry**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Package Store Employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul McMurtry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Norfolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO PACKAGE STORE EMPLOYEES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15E, the following new section:

Section 15 F. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all employees of a store licensed to sell alcohol to be consumed off the premises as licensed by Section 15 of Chapter 138 shall be at least twenty-one years of age. The commission shall enforce the requirements of this section, by administrative proceedings, against a person licensed under this section whose employee is under twenty one years of age and directly handles or sells alcoholic beverages in violation of this section, as follows: -

(1) a first violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1000.

(2) A second violation of this section shall be punished by a suspension of the licensee's license for a length to be determined by the commission and a fine of \$5,000.

All persons employed by a licensee under section 15 of chapter 138 at the time of the enactment of this section shall be exempt.